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SOUTHERN COMMAND

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

# SAFESTAT REPORT

*Nevada Highway Patrol*

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## Overview

During August 2009, the Southern Command's average response time to crashes increased from 12 minutes to 13 minutes as compared to July 2009 (an 11% increase). In addition, overall enforcement citations decreased by 162 during the same time period (a 2% decrease overall). The decrease in staffing resources resulting from mandated furloughs has resulted in the above changes in service and enforcement.

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Southern Command personnel handled 963 crashes in August 2009. Of these, 704 were property damage, 254 were injury, and 5 were fatal. The total crashes decreased by 17.4% compared to last year. When compared to last year, fatalities decreased by 1 for a total decrease of 16.7%. 30 of these crashes involved commercial vehicles 7 resulted in injuries. The remaining 23 were property damage. Crashes involving commercial vehicles represented 3.1% of the total crashes handled by the Southern Command. Impaired drivers were responsible for 6.1% of all crashes in the Southern Command.

Eighteen new Troopers assigned to the Southern Command completed their academy training curriculum in August and began their field training assignments throughout Southern Nevada. The addition of these Troopers to the Southern Command are a much needed boost to our resources and will contribute to our ability to meet our mission.

Quest Diagnostics cancelled their lab services contract with the Division during August. Prior to this cancellation, Quest provided the Division with blood analysis for the prosecution of traffic crimes. The sudden loss of a lab service contract has led to significant managerial, logistic, and contractual challenges. Currently, the Division is contracted with Pacific Toxicology for these services. Their geographic location which is outside of Nevada will add prosecutorial challenges to this issue.

The Southern Command is driven to provide this community with a professional and effective law enforcement presence. The Southern Command extends a thank you to all those who assisted us in gaining success in our law enforcement services this past month.

**CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW**

	Aug -09		Aug-08	% Change		Jul-09	% Change
Total crashes	963		1166	-17.4%		979	-1.6%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	704		854	-17.6%		730	-3.6%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	254		306	-17.0%		246	3.3%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	5		6	-16.7%		3	66.7%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	59		53	11.3%		41	43.9%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	4		7	-42.9%		3	33.3%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	2		1	100.0%		2	0.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	2		1	100.0%		1	100.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	0		2	-200.0%		0	0.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0		2	-200.0%		0	0.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	0		1	-100.0%		0	0.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	30		67	-55.2%		33	-9.1%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	23		51	-54.9%		24	-4.2%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	7		15	-53.3%		9	-22.2%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%

**CRASH ANALYSIS**

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 0.5%
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 6.1%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 100.0%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 3.1%
- ✱ Total crashes down 17.4% compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes are down 55.2% from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes are down 16.7% from the same time as last year.

## FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	Aug-09		Aug-08	% Change		Jul-09	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	59		53	11.3%		41	43.9%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	190		178	6.7%		167	13.8%
Other arrests	1028		1255	-18.1%		945	8.8%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	450		414	8.7%		377	19.4%
Speed violations	3994		4156	-3.9%		4373	-8.7%
Hazardous moving violations	2238		2155	3.9%		2106	6.3%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	615		424	45.0%		680	-9.6%
Total violations [above violations included]	15066		11504	31.0%		14580	3.3%
<b>COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS</b>							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	106		79	34.2%		75	41.3%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	230		320	-28.1%		197	16.8%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	890		745	19.5%		728	22.3%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	19		23	-17.4%		0	1900.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	518		346	49.7%		456	13.6%
Total safety violations -- repair order	2504		1374	82.2%		2163	15.8%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	160		79	102.5%		116	37.9%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	99		43	130.2%		76	30.3%
Total school buses inspected	262		372	-29.6%		156	67.9%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	24		35	-31.4%		23	4.3%
Total trucks weighed	1955		1005	94.5%		1497	30.6%
Total overweight citations	14		14	0.0%		18	-22.2%
Total dyed fuel inspections	740		602	22.9%		542	36.5%
Total dyed fuel citations	1		0	100.0%		1	0.0%

\*Seatbelt and Child Restraint    ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Urban Ops		Rural Ops		Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections	0		30		0
Safety Violations Citation	0		9		0
Safety Violations <b>Repair Order</b>	0		32		0
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	0		1		0
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0		12		0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0		0		0

**DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS**

- ✱ Average BAC 0.14 %
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 32.82 years old.
- ✱ None of the DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance.
- ✱ 7 drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

**ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS**

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES</b>	Aug 2009		Aug 2008	% Change		July 2009	% Change
<b>COMMUNICATION CENTER</b>							
Radio Transmissions from Console	355,527		344,236	3.3%		358,323	-0.8%
Radio Tx and Receive totals	System Down		1,706,393			System down	
CAD Incidents	26,172		25264	3.6%		27,165	-3.7%
Telephone Calls	33,361		36519	-8.6%		35,293	-5.5%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	25		N/A			25	
<b>FRONT OFFICE</b>							
Accident Reports Processed	992		1,215	-18.4%		1,268	-21.8%
Arrest Reports Processed	377		482	-21.8%		308	22.4%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	17		22	-22.7%		29	-41.4%
Vehicle Impound Releases	107		110	-2.7%		144	-25.7%
Visitors at Counter	869		1,003	-13.4%		932	-6.8%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	2,549		6,129	-58.4%		3,087	-17.4%
<b>COURT / WARRANT</b>							
Warrants Received	717		646	11.0%		994	-27.9%
Warrants Entered	483		376	28.5%		501	-3.6%
Warrants Cleared	412		455	-9.5%		459	-10.2%
Warrants Validated	2,140		40	5250.0%		1,905	12.3%
Extradition / Transports	15		13	15.4%		28	-46.4%
<b>EVIDENCE</b>							
New Cases Submitted	83		51	62.7%		69	20.3%
New Items Submitted	180		89	102.2%		185	-2.7%
Items Disposed	17		31	-45.2%		4	325.0%

## EVIDENCE

- ✱ Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 85.54% of case submissions.
- ✱ Parole and Probation responsible for 13.25% of case submissions.
- ✱ Division of Investigation responsible for 0 % of case submissions.
- ✱ State Fire Marshal was responsible for 0 % of case submissions.
- ✱ OPR is responsible for 1.12% of case submissions.

## CONTRACT SERVICES

- 9 Contracts using 378.5hours, billed in the amount of \$29,276.02

## PUBLIC INFORMATION

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIO Meetings	Accident Response
1066	8	69	11	3

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
855	589	16	58	34	

### NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE INCOMING AIRMAN'S BRIEFING:

Personnel reporting to Nellis Air Force Base were presented a class on Nevada traffic laws with special emphasis on seat belt safety and the dangers of driving while intoxicated. August 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>.

### DUI SIMULATOR:

The HEAT program added another tool to its arsenal. At long last the funding was cleared and the DUI simulator was delivered. The machine functions as a Novice driving simulator as well as a variable DUI simulator. This valuable addition will be available to the public and will be a staple in our teen driver programs.

\*At long last, the DUI simulator has found a permanent home. The DUI Simulator will be housed at Great Basin College in Pahrump. We will be working closely with the Nye County DUI Coalition

### SEATBELT CONVINCER:

The HEAT program introduced it's "seatbelt convincer" during the Click it or Ticket media event at UMC Trauma. The convincer is unique and valuable because it actually allows participants to experience a 5-7 MPH impact. Participants are securely belted in and the seat travels down a ramp and into a bumper. The Seatbelt Convincer is available to the public for any demonstration or safety fair. The Convincer was The most popular component at Henderson PD Night Out Against Crime. The Convincer was experienced by over 100 participants.

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Flight Operations

Southern Command

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*Nevada Highway Patrol Flight Operations*

Sergeant/Pilot Tony Sabino

## Overview

### Content:

Flight operations summary

The Southern Command Aircraft flew 8 missions accounting for 17.2 total flight hours. Refer below for a brief description of activity.

Total Missions	Flight Hours	% of Flight Time	Description
4	9.5	55	Speed Enforcement
2	5.6	33	Prisoner transports (Instate)
2	2.1	12	Line Patrol

The pilot was on annual leave for the first 10 days of the month.

A scheduled Cessna 50 hour progressive maintenance check was completed by Lone Mountain Aviation.

Total enforcement actions taken were 98. Out top clock for the month was 100 mph, a silver Mercedes on CR215 near Cheyenne. The posted limit for the area is 55 mph.

Refer to the table below for a breakdown.

In addition, two missions were cancelled. One due to the pilot being sick and the other for lack of manpower due to training

During Line Patrol over SR 160, the aircraft located three broken down vehicles. Traffic units were dispatched to assist.

The table below contains a brief description of enforcement activity.

Type of Violation	Enforcement Actions
Speed	83
Hazardous	1
Non-Hazardous	13
Seatbelts	1

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